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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOVEMBER 13 LETTER FROM FRENCH DEPUTY
PERM REP TO PRESIDENT OF GA CONCERNING STATEMENTS MADE
DURING NOVEMBER 13 PLENARY MEETING WHICH ADMITTED COMOROS
TO UN:

QUOTE

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT CERTAIN STATEMENTS MADE AT
THE 2402ND PLENARY MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CALL FOR THE
FOLLOWING CLARIFICATIONS BY THE FRENCH DELEGATION:

1. APART FROM A UNIT OF 185 MEN STATIONED ON MAYOTTE AND
QUARTERED WITHIN A TOTAL AREA OF LESS THAN HALF A HECTARE,
THERE IS NO LAND, AIR OR NAVAL INSTALLATIONS ON THAT ISLAND.
FRANCE, WHICH FOR DECADES HAS SET UP NO MILITARY BASE THERE,
CERTAINLY DOES NOT ENVISAGE DOING SO NOW.

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2. AS SOON AS THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT LEARNT THAT COMORIANS BORN IN

THE OTHER ISLANDS OF THE ARCHIPELAGO HAD LEFT MAYOTTE, IT CALLED
FOR A LEGAL INVESTIGATION.

THE INITIAL FINDINGS OF THIS INVESTIGATION INDICATE THAT THE NUMBER
LEAVING THE ISLAND WAS LIMITED TO SEVERAL HUNDRED, AND NOT
SEVERAL THOUSAND AS WAS STATED. IN ADDITION, MANY OF THE
PERSONS CONCERNED WERE COMORIANS WHO HAD SETTLED IN MAYOTTE VERY
RECENTLY.

I NEED HARDLY MENTION THAT THE FRENCH LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO EXERCISE PARTICULAR VIGILANCE TO ENSURE THAT NO
PRESSURE, OF WHATEVER KIND, MAY CAUSE ANYONE TO LEAVE MAYOTTE
AGAINST HIS WILL.

I SHOULD BE OBLIGED IF YOU WOULD CIRCULATE THE TEXT OF THIS
COMMUNICATION AS A GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOCUMENT UNDER AGENDA
ITEM 22.

(SIGNED) JACQUES LECOMPT
DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

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